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AREA TOT DIES IN PLASTIC BAG

Health Chief Cites Danger

The 2-year-old daughter of an Alondra Park couple suffocated in a plastic dry cleaning bag here Tuesday—the third in Los Angeles County this year.

Ruth Marie Perreault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perreault, of 3202 W. 154th St., was pronounced

To Induct 14 Indian Y Tribes

Fourteen new Torrance YMCA Indian Guide Tribes will be inducted into the father-son program at Indian ceremonies to be performed at a campfire at El Nido Park at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Preceding the campfire ceremony a huge family picnic for the entire community will be held beginning at 4 p.m.

Highlighting the induction will be Indian songs and dances, skits, and stories.

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Schools Remain Open May 29th

Classes will be held in Torrance schools as usual on May 29, the day before Memorial Day, local school officials reported.

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Torrance Rotary Club Wins Top Area Honors

Torrance Rotarians this week are jubilant over their receiving the trophy for Best Club for 1958-59 in Rotary International among 35 clubs in the Los Angeles and Harbor areas comprising District 528.

In addition, the Torrance club received two first and second place awards in fields covering youth service, community service, best printed publication and international service.

Other Torrance area clubs walked off with major awards it was disclosed at the annual District banquet Friday evening at the Statler Hilton hotel. Manhattan Beach was first in attendance and best non-printed publication, and Hawthorne captured firsts in vocational service and best conference display.

Presentation of the awards was made by retiring Gov. V. O. Walker who is being succeeded by Dr. W. Ballentine Henley. President Jack Schmidt accepted the awards for the Torrance club.

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City Seeks Water Data

Dominguez Water Corp. was given a free hand to purchase the Narbonne Ranch No. 3 Water Co.—providing it can prove that it would be able to run the water company more economically than the Torrance Municipal Water Co. would be able to—as a result of a decision made by City Council Tuesday night.

The Dominguez Water Corp. was given two weeks to file a notice of intent with the city of Torrance.

Representatives of the mutual company were told by Mayor Albert Isen that Torrance will withdraw its involuntary assessment district proceedings for rehabilitation of the system as soon as the Dominguez Corp. proves it will be able to save the Narbonne Ranch No. 3 Water Co. money by taking it over.

If the sale goes through, according to H. F. LaMour, Narbonne Ranch No. 3 vice-president, and spokesman for

its stockholders, net proceeds would be distributed among district property owners who hold shares in the mutual company on an acreage basis.

Cost of replacing obsolete lines and facilities, LaMour said, would be charged to water users at a lower fee if the sale to Dominguez is consummated than if it were made an assessment district by the Torrance Municipal Water Co.

One of the oldest mutuals in the Southland, the Narbonne company serves approximately 300 acres in South Torrance.

City OKs Drainage For Hill

Plans to construct a \$6000 drain system in the Portobello Drive area of south Torrance instead of the \$26,000 system recommended by a private soil engineer were approved by the city council Tuesday on the recommendation of Director of Public Works Wade Peebles.

A trench-like drain will be installed along the street to carry water through an impervious layer of clay which has affected the drainage of the filled land.

The city had previously allocated \$10,000 for the project, and has won court approval for expenditure of public funds for the work.

Grant H. Wegworth, gunner's mate seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Mora of 1424 W. 237th St., Harbor City, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, operating with the U. S. Pacific Fleet out of Long Beach, Calif.

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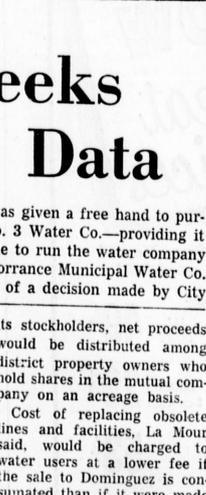
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FLAMES DESTROY TANK . . . Fire which started shortly before midnight Sunday destroyed a low grade fuel tank at the Golden Eagle refinery, 208th St. and Main although firemen were able to keep the flames away from adjacent tanks holding high octane gasoline. Damage was estimated at \$10,000 as a result of the two-day fire. (Herald Photo)



SURROUNDED BY STRINGS . . . Elyse Aehle (center), conductor of the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony, is pictured amidst the string section in rehearsal for the symphony-ballet to be presented in conjunction with the May Festival of Arts Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at Redondo Union High School auditorium.

Annual Art Show Due This Weekend

Highlighting the three-day May Festival of Arts which opens tomorrow evening with an art display at Redondo High School, will be a symphony and ballet to be conducted by Elyse Aehle, director of the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony, at 8:15 p.m. Saturday in the school auditorium. The festival will conclude Sunday with a concert of area Mothersingers at 3 p.m.

Selections to be featured by the orchestra include the wind quintet "Trois Pieces Brave" and the Debussy string quartet.

Dancers will include: Mahri Coshever and her ballet corps, Stella Nakadati, Nancy Chimaloski, Sonya Czerniski, Sandi Conant, Patsy Norman, and the Wilson Morelli dance company.

Ticket chairman is Mrs. Headley, 206 Ave. H., Redondo. The art show and Sunday concert will be free of charge.

Geranium Show

"Geraniums Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" is the theme of the 1959 Annual Geranium Show sponsored by the Southwest Branch of the International Geranium Society. It will be presented at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, on Saturday.

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One in Court

Pair Nabbed For Forgery

A 24-year-old Harbor City woman sitting in court here yesterday while her husband was having a preliminary hearing on charges of passing bad checks was arrested by Torrance detectives on a similar charge.

Mrs. Madeline Williamson, 24, of 1335 W. Anaheim St., was arrested for allegedly passing bad checks totaling about \$1000 in the area during the last four months.

Her husband, Elmo, 32, was bound over to Superior Court for trial.

In a separate arrest, Thomas C. Vienna was jailed for giving a local real estate broker a \$46,000 check for the purported purchase of a home. The check bounced.

Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer, who had been seeking Vienna since the April 20 episode, said the man also got \$50 in

cash from the broker to bet on a "sure winner" at the race track.

Bicycle License Program

Bicycle licensing by members of the sheriff's bicycle got underway at Torrance schools this week, with deputies checking bikes and giving out the four year licenses.

The program for bike riders will be conducted at all schools through June 1. It will be held at 9:15 a.m. each morning. Officers will issue decal licenses, stamp numbers on the bike frames, and issue cards to the youthful owners.

Deputies are scheduled to visit schools as follows: Today, Nativity School; Tomorrow, Crenshaw and Edison Schools. Monday, Fern-Greenwood and Flavian; Tuesday, Hamilton and Hillside; Wednesday, Jefferson and Madrona; Thursday, Magruder and Meadow Park; Friday, Newton and Parkway.

Monday, May 22, Perry and Riviera; Tuesday, May 26, Seaside and Lincoln; Wednesday, May 27, Sepulveda and Steele; Thursday, May 28, Torrance Elementary and Walteria; Friday, May 29, Wood and Yukon; Monday, June 1, St. Catherine Laboure and St. Philomena.

Bicycle checks already have been held at Anza, Arlington, Calle Mayor, and Carr Schools.

2-Year-Old Struck By Auto, Injured

A two-year-old Harbor City boy received possible serious head injuries here Sunday when he was struck by a car in the 2100 block of Del Amo Blvd.

Police said the boy, David Chavez, of 1034 W. 254th St., darted into the path of an auto driven by Thomas Soto, 21, of 2562 W. 235th St. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"In testimony before Congress recently, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover called for sterner treatment of youthful lawbreakers, including full public disclosure of their identities, and rapped social workers and juvenile court authorities who have strong views against disclosure of the names of juvenile offenders. What do you think?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

M/Sgt. F. T. Bratkowsky, Santa Ana, USMC recruiter:

"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has the right idea. If they try to act like adults, treat them that way. If they do good, commend them. If they do bad, treat them accordingly; and begin by disclosing their names."

S/Sgt. Ernest P. Hayes, Hermosa Beach, Marine recruiter:

"I have strong feelings, having formerly done police work at the marine base. I fully agree with the views of Hoover and L. A. Police Chief Parker. We should deal more strongly with youthful offenders, with full public disclosure regardless of age."

Mrs. Frances Stokes, 2016 Andreo Ave., sales clerk:

"I don't know whether it would help or not. It might, but it's hard to say."

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